

Amendments to the Claims

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1. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape product comprising:

a hollow cylindrical core having a diameter and a width and an outer surface;

~~a compressible foam strip surrounding said core; and,~~

a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater

5 than said width wound in several turns about said core ~~and said foam strip~~ said length of tape comprising a leader portion fixed to said core, a foam support portion and a usable tape portion; and,

a compressible foam strip fixed to said tape foam support portion.

2. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

3. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip surrounding said core has a total thickness of 40 mils (1 mm).

4. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip surrounds said core in a single layer and said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

5. (Original) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said core comprises a thin solid tubular wall.

6. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 5, wherein said core has an outer surface bulging outwardly near the core's axial center giving said core a barrel shape.

7. (Previously amended) An adhesive tape product comprising:  
a tape core having an axial width, said core being hollow with a solid outer wall, said outer wall having an outer surface which bulges outwardly at its axial center giving said core a barrel shape; and,

.5 a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width wound in several turns about said core.

8. (Original) The adhesive tape product of claim 7, additionally comprising a compressible foam strip surrounding said core and surrounded by said length of adhesive tape.

9. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 8, wherein said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

10. (Previously amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 9, wherein said foam strip has a width approximately equal to said adhesive tape width and surrounds said core in a single layer.

Claims 11-15 (Cancelled)